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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of 4/16. The point of my memo on Oswald's clearance was only that the Commission carefully did not deny what Donovan and others said about Oswald - that he had at least Secret....According to the Report, Oswald indicated a desire to return from Russia as early as February 1961, just after the Deslatte incident and almost certainly before the Spencer one (WR 274). He himself claimed to have written an unanswered letter in December 1960 (CE 931).... Hal, who now has much more time than I do, has agreed to check out the names you mentioned. Except for Geraci and Blalock, they mean nothing to me.... I suggest that someone (you? Tom B.?) call Doyle about his film. He seemed quite willing to talk to Stan earlier.

I received a letter from a correspondent of yours, Helen Hartmann in Florida, with some very interesting notes on the 26 volumes. Stan Primmer is alive and well in Rio and promises to type up your index soon.

The enclosed notes on Wyckoff from Monroe Moen are self-explanatory. EG&G does much of the photo work at Livermore, so Monroe might get to talk with him again; it would therefore be better not to have the memo get back to Wyckoff.

I just got a microfilm copy of the recently declassified (2/21/68) transcripts of the Commission's executive sessions. On first reading I see very few hard facts of interest other than what Wise reported. (There is a confused exchange suggesting that the Commission did have the autopsy pictures, which I don't take too seriously by itself; also some material concerning the return to Mrs. Kennedy of the President's clothes, which may relate to the question of possession of the autopsy material.) Mostly, the transcripts confirm the impression Epstein and Ford give of the Commissioners' level of understanding of, and involvement in, the investigation. Dulles was the closest they had to a 'buff.' Warren's reluctance to accept the FBI's Oswald file was not at all out of character - at first he didn't event want to call witnesses!

Jim Schmitt has a copy of the name index to CD 75, and is currently preparing a listing of the names indexed to each page. This may be a useful guide to some of the classified reports. (As you know, at least 41 pages refer to Ferrie, and there are only 12 pages of FBI reports in the Ferrie section of O in N.O..) Would you like a copy of this cross-listing when it is done?

Sincerely,

Paul